

Presidents Report to the Board of Trustees - First Unitarian Society of New Jersey

January 10th, 2021

As I write this (on Thursday 1/8), I'm shifting from the feeling of optimism that I carried into the New Years celebration to the increasing sense that we have quite a way to go before our optimism will be justified. It doesn't change my outlook, but does remind me that good things don't necessarily "come to those who wait," but more often to those who work. I proceed on that basis, and I invite you to do the same.

I've been doing the best that I can to move following things forward.

- I have signed a lease agreement with First Presbyterian's that specifies a rental of \$700 per month through May 1.
- I have attended the meetings of the 8th principle group and participated in extended discussion in drafting our proposed 8th Principle Resolution.
- I am working with Kimberly Mitchell to present the annual MLK Day service.

I've been involved in the following committees/groups:

- **Worship Committee** - Participated in worship planning committee and attended worship services. Maintained weekly service Announcements.
- **Small-group Ministry** meetings - Conducted Monday night meetings twice this month. (Second and Fourth Mon)
- **8th Principle Working Group**
 - Attended monthly meetings for this group.
 - Planned and co-lead 8th Principle worship service.
- **Atheist Agnostic Humanist Group** - Continue to coordinate online meetings and have begun attending virtual "Sunday Brunch" meetings of the New York Center for Inquiry (CFI).
- Maintained ongoing communication with Rev. Ann Marie on Board/Church matters.

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Moving forward, I expect to:

- Continue to attend groups and committees as above.
- Continue to work with Charlie to organize our information storage and communications flow.
- Coordinate board planning activities, and possibly a retreat/planning session.
- Work with Sarah to create and distribute a list of Board responsibilities.
- Work to plan a congregational meeting to vote on our 8th Principle Resolution.

Thank you, as always for your service and dedication to our congregation!

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